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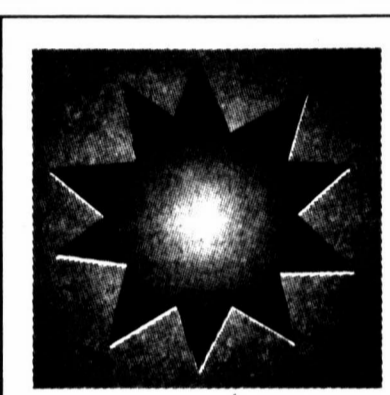
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Still time to register to vote in dog election

County residents who are not registered to vote and want to vote in the county-wide (including Pampa) dog election Aug. 12 have until Thursday, July 13, to register to vote for that election in the Gray County Tax Assessor Office.

Voters will decide on whether or not to register dogs in the county. Cheryl Lester presented a petition with several hundred voters' signatures to the Gray County Commissioners in May requesting the election after incidents of animals being allegedly attacked by vicious dogs.

Early voting will begin July 26 and end Aug. 8.

Additional information regarding voter registration may be obtained by contacting the Gray County Tax Assessor Office, 669-8018.

Church messages getting attention

HOUSTON (AP) — Attendance has been growing since South Main Baptist Church began spicing up its billboard.

Lots of churches have little signs out front that they use to deliver pithy messages. One in Silsbee, Texas recently spiced its message with a dash of pop culture: "Hell! Is that your final answer?"

The South Main Baptist billboard is offering simple, direct messages on the themes of harmony and eternity: "The Main Thing: Satisfaction Guaranteed."

- Carolina Schmidt Burton, 80, licensed vocational nurse, certified dental assistant.
- Anita Robles, 60, former Pampa resident.
- Martha Pennington Walker, 87, longtime Pampa resident.

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Second landfill cell bid opening July 25

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Although business is off somewhat, Pampa is well on the road to filling the "new" landfill's first cell and is advertising for bids for the construction of a second cell.

The cell was opened in October of 1998 and has a life expectancy of a little over two years, said Public Works Director Richard Morris.

In order to use the entire 370,000-cubic-yard capacity of the first cell, Morris said the second cell must be built to provide a wall for the second phase of cell number one because of its

sloping nature. The space between will resemble a V and be part of the number one cell.

Morris said the first cell "is filling up quicker than we want it to but looking at the amount of tonnage we've taken in and the capacity, we're really about where we should be."

But business from the landfill's 12 customers is dropping, he said, noting, "The same thing (declining population) that's happening to Pampa is happening around the area."

Pampa is the largest user of the landfill followed by Borger then Hemphill County. All users are charged by the weight of the refuse.

To pay for the new cell, City Finance Director John Horst said, "There will be no new debt" associated with the project.

Certificate of obligation funds left over from the opening costs of the landfill will pay part of the costs of building the second cell, Horst said. Also, the city has been reserving cash in order to pay for the project.

Likewise, Horst said once the second cell is paid for the city will reserve cash toward the third cell and so on.

There will be a pre-bid conference July 11 for prospective bidders and bids will be opened on July 25, Morris said.

The Hunt is on! Yearly Golden Horseshoe contest begins Thursday

It's time once again for the Golden Horseshoe Treasure Hunt sponsored by The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association and held in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo, July 13, 14, and 15.

A Golden Horseshoe has been hidden in the area and clues will be given each day to help find the horseshoe.

The lucky person who finds the horseshoe will receive a box seat to all three performances of the 54th Annual Top O' Texas Rodeo. The box seat is valued at \$150. The winner will also be able to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, July 15.

This year clues will be placed in selected stores in Pampa and you can only get the clues by going into that store. The kind of store will be listed each day in The Pampa News and on the radio. The name of the store will be listed the next day along with the kind of store for the current day's clue. No clues will be given over the telephone.

Thursday's clue can be found at a jewelry store.

If you have a question about the hunt or the rodeo, call Jane Jacobs at the rodeo office, 669-0434.



Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Queen Jaimie Reed and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Candice Caldwell will give up their crowns soon to this year's winners. Both will be on hand at the Queen's Luncheon where each will give a short talk.

Queen's Luncheon, Style Show tickets now on sale

Tickets are now on sale for the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association's annual Queen's Luncheon and Style Show. It all gets under way in the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13.

Rodeo secretary Jane Jacobs said the luncheon will feature the contestants in both the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Pageants. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased from the pageant contestants or by calling the rodeo office at 669-0434 by Friday.

Those attending will be treated to a style show featuring the contestants who will model western dress. In addition, each contestant will present a three-minute speech on the

town from which they entered the contest.

And for lunch, the meal will be catered by the Red River Steakhouse of McLean.

There'll also be plenty of chances to win a gift as door prizes have been donated by Pampa Office Supply, Foto Time, Carousel Expressions, Sweet Dreams, Best Kept Secrets, Nearly New, and others.

Special guests at the luncheon and style show will be the major pageant sponsors, Ace Transportation, JLB Ranch, Complete Travel, Inc., Bob Clements Inc., Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee, Carla and Randy Norris, Brenda and Mike Guess, the Clark Carr & Sons Memorial and the Amanda Jacobs Memorial.

Stolen rose bushes found in nearby yard

A 46-year-old Pampa man was facing a thorny issue today after being accused of stealing six rose bushes from a neighbor's yard.

Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 46, 618 N. Gray, was free on \$5,000 bond today on enhanced theft charges.

Pampa police officers said today that six rose bushes were reported taken from a yard in the 400 block of North Somerville.

Acting on a tip, officers went to Rhoten's home to question him and found six newly planted rose bushes in his front yard.

Rhoten was arrested about 4:30 p.m. Monday. He was released Tuesday on the bond which was set by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

Officers said that the theft of the rose bushes would normally have been a misdemeanor but because of two prior theft convictions, Rhoten may be facing an enhanced charge that would be a state jail felony.

"It's considered a felony," Judge Curfman said today.

Police seek culprits in home burglaries

Pampa police officers said two holiday burglaries were being investigated today, but they appear to be unrelated.

Officers said someone apparently broken in to the home of Annie Bula Flynn, 84, at 529 Doucette, between noon Monday and 6 p.m. Tuesday and took between \$300 and \$400 in cash, a white purse and a lady's wallet.

Police said someone also apparently broke into the home of Kaye Eschelson, 42, 638 N. Wells, between 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday and took about \$300 in cash and two packs of Camel cigarettes. Eschelson was asleep in the bedroom at the time, officers said.

Officers said today there does not appear to be a relation between the two thefts.

"It doesn't look like it," said Deputy Police Chief Terry Young.

60 CDs stolen from car

Almost \$2,000 in compact disks reported missing today from a car parked on North Hobart.

Pampa police said Jaimie Howeth, 18, of 1011 Christine, reported that some 60 CDs valued at \$1,800 were stolen Tuesday night from his green 1994 Geo Prism. A CD storage case, valued at \$20 was also reported taken. The car was parked in the 1400 block of Hobart.

Police said someone apparently took the CDs and storage case between 7 p.m., Tuesday, and 1 a.m., Wednesday, while Howeth was working at his job at a nearby restaurant.

Sheriff's employee of month plan gets nod

Ok given to 911 addressing plan

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Gray County Commissioners gave a thumbs up to Sheriff Don Copeland's plan to establish an employee of the month program within the Gray County Sheriff's office.

"I think the employees need to be recognized for their good work," said Copeland, "because they do a good job." The sheriff said he plans to recognize the selected employee by placing his or her name on a plaque to hang in the sher-

iff's office. At the end of the year, an employee of the year will be selected, he said.

The commission unanimously approved the use of \$500 which is already in the sheriff's budget for the employee of the month program. Copeland said it will probably begin the first of August.

Commissioners also decided to contact the Texas Association of Counties regarding their claim that Gray County is no longer entitled to receive training videos and other training materials for county employees regarding workers compensation safety classes.

Gray County employees are not insured under the TAC workers compensation plan this year because TAC did not bid on Gray County's program last year. Instead, the employees are insured under

another insurance plan.

County Commissioner Gerald Wright said he contacted TAC about obtaining the videos and was told the county is not entitled to use of training materials because TAC is not the insurer of workers compensation for the county.

Wright said he thinks since Gray County is still a dues paying member to TAC the county should be entitled to use of the videos in the loss prevention program. Wright also pointed out the TAC did not make a bid on the workers compensation plan.

County Judge Richard Peet said the TAC catalog has a much wider selection of training materials including hundreds of videos in comparison to other loss prevention programs available to the county. Wright is contacting TAC by letter to

resolve the issue.

Commissioners approved a resolution with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission regarding a 911 plan to provide uniform addresses in the county. Judge Peet said the county must pass the resolution to continue funding of the project to the PRPC.

PRPC will be mapping all residential addresses and other locations in the county to provide easier location by emergency services.

Gray County will make the signs for the program.

Commission members deferred action on imposition of extra fees relating to vehicle registration. Gray County is one of only 16 counties in Texas which do not assess the road and bridge registration (See SHERIFF'S, Page 2)

JULY 2000

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS

The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

CHCC SHOW

Coronado Health Care Center's Activity Department will hold its annual Country Music Show beginning at 3 p.m. July 9 in the dining room of the center. The public is cordially invited to attend the two-hour stage show. Door prizes will be awarded.

FBC WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

First Baptist Church Women's Ministries will host a program and send-off luncheon for Mark and Kristie Aderholt, International Mission Board appointees, beginning at 11:45 a.m. (noon for working women) Thursday, July 20 in Fellowship Hall, 203 N. West, of the church. The luncheon is open to all women. Cost of the meal (chef salad) will be \$4. Participants must RSVP by Tuesday, July 18 by calling 669-1155. A love offering will be taken and a basket for personal messages will be provided.

PARADE OF PONDS

Ogallala Water Gardeners in Amarillo will hold its third annual "Parade of Ponds" Water Garden Tour from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 15 in

Amarillo. An additional night tour will be from 9-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with children under 12 (accompanied by an adult) free. Tickets and a map/brochure will be available on the day of the tour from any of the homes. Advanced tickets may be purchased at the following locations: Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Coulter Gardens Nursery, Pitter Patter Pets, Panhandle Greenhouses and Rolling Hills Aquatic Gardens. For more information, visit the club's website at www.amaonline.com/owg

GREEN THUMB

Green Thumb is launching a search to identify and recognize outstanding employers of America's senior workers. GT will honor three outstanding employers representing small, medium and large businesses during its National Prime Time Awards activities Oct. 3-6 in Washington, D.C. The deadline for nominations is July 30. Details and on-line applications are available at www.primetime2000.org. Eligibility criteria: 1) employers who hire older workers 65 and over for 20 or more hours of paid employment per week at minimum wage or higher (this does not include older workers whose employment is subsidized through local, state or federally-funded programs); 2) nominations for affiliates, franchises, partnerships and divisions should be consolidated and submitted through corporate headquarters if possible; 3) business size - up to 50 employees (small), up to 1,000 (medium), and over 1,000 (large); 4) winners must be willing and able to travel to Washington for the 2000 event. Applications may be mailed to (if not submitted on-line): Diane Long, Green Thumb, Inc., 2000 N. 14th St., Suite 800, Arlington, VA 22201.

NOEP

The Nurse Oncology Education Program and Amarillo College will present "Growing Up With Cancer: A Family Focus" from 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m., July 14 in AC's West Campus Lecture Hall, Amarillo. The conference will be worth 7.7 Type I contact hours for nurses and 0.6 CEUs for social workers. Early registration is \$45. Students must provide a copy of student ID and pay a \$10 (post-marked on or before July 7) registration fee. On-site and late registration will cost \$60. For more information, call 1-800-515-6770 or write: The Nurse Oncology Education Program, Growing Up With Cancer, 7600 Burnet Rd., Suite 440, Austin, TX 78757.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of

every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

ANCH ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

The Agricultural Economics Department at Texas A&M University will sponsor a "Ranch Estate Planning Seminar" Aug. 6-7 at College Station Hilton. For more information, call (979) 845-2226 or write: 315 Blocker Bldg., Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77844-2212.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4:30 p.m., July 19, Family Health Care, 600 W. Kentucky, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., July 24, City Hall, Canadian; and 12-2 p.m., July 20, Miami School, Miami.

OUTWARD BOUND COURSE

North Carolina Outward Bound is offering both a 21- and a 28-day "Classic Outward Bound Course" for teens interested in backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling and whitewater canoeing through the wilds of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. For more information, call 1-877-77-NCOBS, e-mail challenge@ncobs.org or log-on to <http://www.ncobs.org/summer.html>.

ART CONTEST

Arts and Kids will award \$38,000 in prizes and scholarships in this year's Annual Art Competition. The deadline for entry is July 31. The contest is open to youth 17 and younger. To participate, send one original work in any style and medium to: Arts and Kids, Suite 101-2111, 3600 Crondall Lane, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Entries must be postmarked by July 31 and must include the child's name, address and age on the back. For more information, visit www.ArtsandKids.com on the Internet.

CELESTIAL ARTS CONTEST

Celestial Arts is hosting a free poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less to: Celestial Arts, 1762 Ashland St., Dept. Contest, Ashland, OR 97520; or enter at www.freecontest.com on the Internet. The deadline for entries is July 28.

FPS CONTEST

Hollywood's Famous Poets Society is sponsoring a poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem, 21 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB126, 1626 N. Wilcox Ave., Hollywood, CA 90028. Participants may enter online at www.famouspoets.com. Deadline for entry is July 27.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS

Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their

home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

ANIMALPRINTS.COM

AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

AIFS

Academic Year in America program, sponsored by American Institute For Foreign Study Foundation, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students from Brazil between the ages of 15-18 1/2. The students will arrive in August. For more information, call 1-800-322-4678, ext. 5164 or e-mail dcarpino@aifs.com.

FREE ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., has published "Free Money - Winning the Government Giveaway Game," a booklet which offers information concerning free money, free advice and free services from the government. Consumers may receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing and postage/handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Government Giveaway Booklet Offer, Dept. GGB-407-1, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071 or at www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the World Wide Web.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

T.O.P.S. #149

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO

The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

PCCA Patron Plan



(Special photo)

Pampa Community Concert Association Patron Committee members (left-right) Myrna Orr, Curt Beck and Howard Graham, chairman, are currently seeking contributions to support PCCA's upcoming concert season. The committee is reminding local and area residents to renew their patron plan for 2000-01. New members are also welcome. Committee members not shown are: Nancy Hahn, Ruth Riehart, association president, and David Cory, past president. To support the Patron Concert Plan, make checks payable to: Pampa Community Concert Association, P.O. Box 1935, Pampa, TX 79066-1935.

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BEALLS

Ringing Declaration Sets Bride's Confusion Straight

DEAR ABBY: "Too Many Rings in Arizona" wrote you that her fiancé had given her his grandmother's ring as an engagement ring, but that she preferred to wear her deceased mother's rings, which her father had been keeping for her marriage. She asked whether it would be wrong for her to ask her fiancé to allow her to wear her mother's rings rather than his grandmother's.

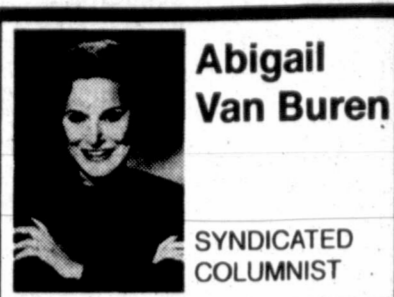
You said to go ahead and ask him, and to offer to wear the grandmother's ring on her right hand — or, if that bothered him, to have her mother's rings made smaller and wear them as a pinky ring on her left hand.

I disagree! When you marry, you promise to forsake all others, keeping yourself only unto him as long as you both shall live. With that in mind, which ring is more significant to the union, his choice or her father's?

If "Too Many Rings" values her father's pledge to her mother more than her fiancé's commitment to her as his chosen member of his family, then she can wear her mother's rings rather than his heirloom.

TWICE A WIFE, TWICE WIDOWED IN EDISON, GA.

DEAR TWICE: More than a few — but not all — of those who responded to that letter agreed with you. To me, the most important thing was that the young woman and her fiancé be able to communicate



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

frankly with each other — and possibly reach a compromise — about something that is obviously important to both of them. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Here's another idea for "Too Many Rings in Arizona." Before my wife and I became engaged last year, she expressed her desire for a ring with a three-diamond setting. She also inherited both of her grandmothers' engagement rings. My college roommate is a jeweler and was able to use the two diamonds and add a third in making my wife's dream ring. The ring has additional sentimental value because two of the diamonds had belonged to her grandmothers, and it was made by my college roommate.

NEWLYWED IN LEXINGTON, S.C.

DEAR ABBY: A bride-to-be does not wear rings inherited from her parents on the hand she "gives" to her husband. She wears his rings —

the rings he gives her — as a traditional and deeply meaningful symbol of their union. She may certainly wear any other jewelry her taste allows, including inherited rings, on her right hand (although one would hope not at the wedding).

With the engagement and marriage, she ceases to be Mommy and Daddy's little girl, and that's an important part of the ring symbolism. She wouldn't want to send her betrothed, her parents and the rest of the world the wrong message, now, would she?

JOHN IN POWDER SPRINGS, GA.

DEAR ABBY: A possible solution might be to take all of the rings in question, melt them down, and have a jewelry designer design something to the couple's specifications. That way material from all of the rings would be incorporated into their rings, and there would be added sentimental value.

More than 30 years ago I had wedding bands designed for my wife and me, and I still haven't seen anything else like them.

JAY IN CANDIA, N.H.

DEAR JAY: Your idea warms my heart. There's something appealing about having all that family history combined into something they could both wear to symbolize their love for each other and their future together.

feel unthreatened. A friend might rain on your parade. He is really trying to play devil's advocate, so offer your thanks. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take a timeout if you're feeling overwhelmed. Sort through your inner dialogue and express what you feel is worthwhile. Your intuition nails a financial issue. Follow your personal guidelines about a gift, even if another pressures you. Avoid a difficult associate. Tonight: Give yourself some quiet time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** You focus on what you want. A female friend cannot do enough for you. Recognize her efforts, and mobilize others' energy. You get more done if you work as a team. Someone at a distance feels left out. A call or perhaps even a card will cheer him up. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** You might not be able to express your thoughts if you want to accomplish a goal. Consider that you might be overreacting to a loved one. Ask questions. Find out where he is coming from. You might be making more out of a comment than was intended. Tonight: Take time with a partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Zoom in and get what you want. Another isn't intentionally withholding information. Perhaps you haven't asked the right question yet. Walk in another's shoes. An associate contributes another take on a situation. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Pressure to perform stimulates your adrenaline flow, increasing your

productivity. An associate pushes you, being somewhat critical. Don't get into an argument. Internalize what is valid in the message. Don't feel overwhelmed by responsibilities. Tonight: A must show.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Others seek out your impressions and feedback. They don't mean to push. Another admires you and will do whatever it takes to gain your attention. Creativity flows. You head in a new direction. Consolidate gains rather than spending them. Tonight: Take a drive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** One-on-one relating helps another feel important. Be nurturing with a co-worker who expresses need or confusion. Open up to the many options and different ways of getting the job done. Limit money talks to those you trust. Take nothing for granted. Tonight: Put your feet up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Let others make the first move. You have strong feelings about another. When you are ready, discuss what you feel. Communication could be stilted at first, but once you get started, the words flow. Don't judge yourself — no one else is! Tonight: Pick up on another's suggestion.

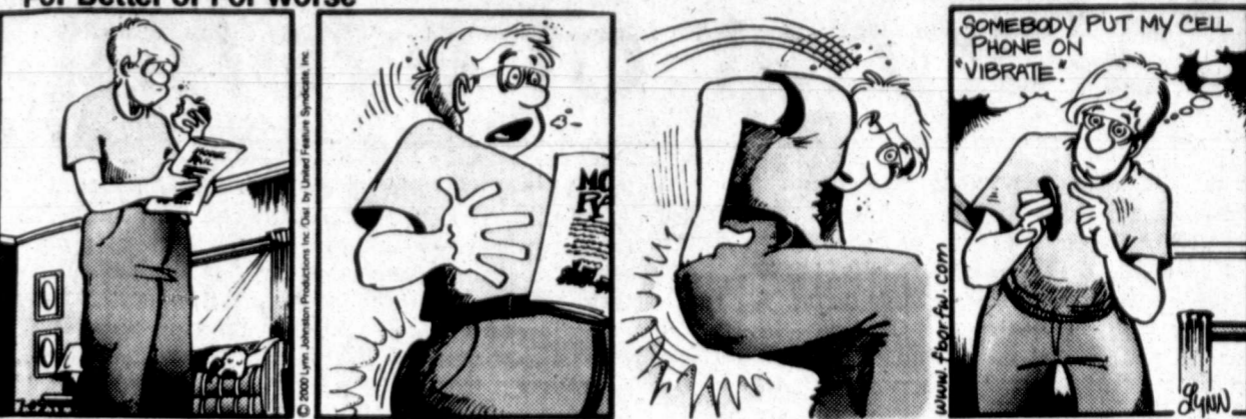
BORN TODAY

Texas governor George W. Bush Jr. (1946), actor Sylvester Stallone (1946), the Dalai Lama (1935)

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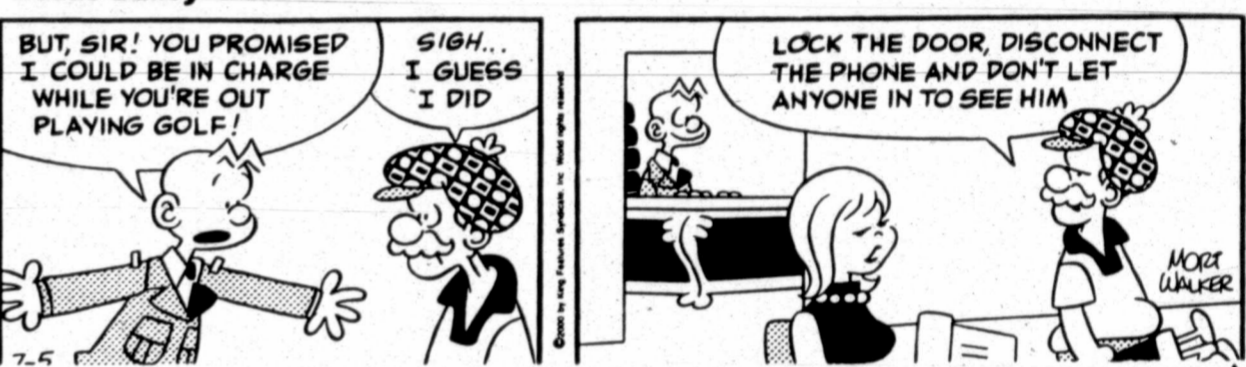
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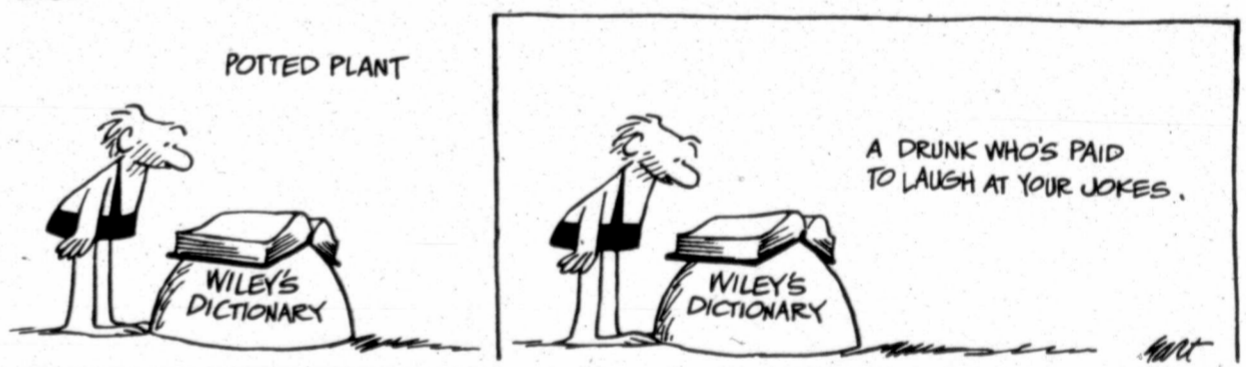
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Pitch in and finish leftover projects. Clean up around your home and office. Discussions with family revolve around working at home more. Ask others to pitch in with chores as well. Finances benefit from your hard-hitting approach. Tonight: Off to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Your imagination proves to be a gold mine. Use your ingenuity, and find answers to a recent snafu. Brainstorm with others and listen to well-meaning advice. The more open you are, the better your answers are. Use your charm, and another cannot say anything but yes. Tonight: In weekend mode.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Emphasize family and security. What seems like a wonderful money-making opportunity needs to be checked. Check out real estate with an important family member. Your instincts help you read another, especially if he is one who conceals his feelings. Tonight: A quiet night at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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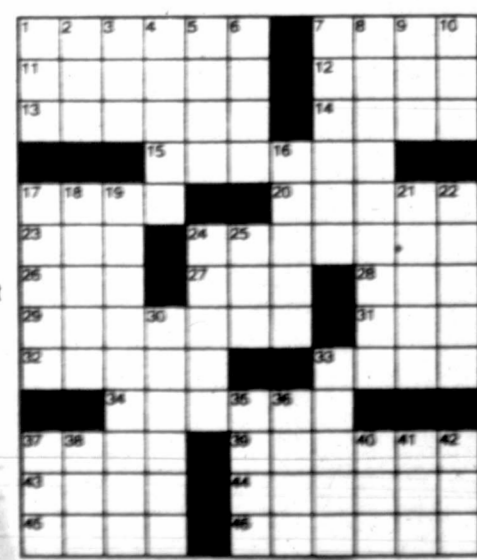
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CYCLING

SAINT-NAZAIRE, France (AP) — Defending champion Lance Armstrong slipped 24 seconds off the lead in the Tour de France.

Led by Laurent Jalabert, who became the overall leader on the third day of the race, the Once team had eight of the top 10 finishers in the day's time trial, 43 miles from Nantes to the Atlantic port of Saint Nazaire, in 1 hour, 25 minutes, 36 seconds.

Jalabert maintained his 12-second overall lead over teammate David Canada. Armstrong, whose U.S. Postal team was second in the time trial, was in third place. Britain's David Millar, who held the leader's yellow jersey since Saturday's opening individual time trial, slipped to 24th.

Jalabert's ascension was the first time since Laurent Desbiens in 1998 that a Frenchman wore the yellow jersey as race leader.

BASEBALL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Matt Clement pitched four-hit ball for 8 1-3 innings and the San Diego Padres sent the Los Angeles Dodgers to their third straight loss, 7-2 Tuesday night.

Clement (8-7), making his 51st start in the majors, came close to his first career complete game. He got the first out in the ninth inning, but left after a hit batter and walk.

The Padres and Cincinnati are the only teams without a complete game this season.

Ryan Klesko, who homered, Bret Boone and Ruben Rivera each drove in two runs for San Diego.

Clement won for the third time in four starts, including two in a row against the Dodgers. He struck out six and walked four in his longest outing in the majors.

Chan Ho Park (9-5) gave up six runs — five earned — on seven hits in six innings. The right-hander struck out eight and walked two in the loss.

SOCCER

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Unlike his famous namesake, Abedi Pele never played in a World Cup. Now, retired Ghanaian soccer star hopes to play a role in a historic one.

One of Africa's best known players, Pele is on the team bidding to bring the 2006 World Cup to South Africa when the FIFA executive committee votes on the venue Thursday.

South Africa is up against two European powerhouses, Germany and England, and another African candidate, Morocco.

Pele, who played for several years in Europe for Olympique Marseille, Torino and 1860 Munich, dreams of seeing the stars of the world playing a World Cup in Africa for the first time. That's why he and Cameroon soccer great Roger Milla have joined the South African bidding team.

"It's not just an emotional or sentimental thing to have the World Cup in Africa. It's right in practical terms too," said the Ghanaian, who was renamed Pele after the famous Brazilian star because he was so talented as a child.

"I have nothing against Morocco or the Moroccan bid, but the facilities in South Africa are wonderful. You only have to look at the FIFA inspection committee's report to get confirmation of that."

"But look at what it means to Africa to have the big European stars playing on African soil. For me, as an African, it would be a dream come true," Pele said.

"And there's no reason why an African team wouldn't win the 2006 World Cup in Africa. Cameroon got to the quarterfinal and lost narrowly to England. Nigeria got to the same stage in 1994 and was unlucky to lose to Italy, and it also won the Olympic title in 1996."

Pampa All-Stars win district opener

DUMAS — The Pampa Senior League Softball All-Stars accomplished what is seemingly thought to be impossible Monday night, downing Dumas convincingly 9-4 in Dumas.

Pampa won the coin toss and chose to be the home team. With a large, noisy Dumas crowd on hand it was anything but homefield advantage.

Stephanie Clark went the distance for Pampa in picking up the mound win. Her outstanding pitching along with solid defense and timely hitting secured the win for Pampa.

In the top of the first, Clark retired Dumas in order. The leadoff hitter popped out to Clark, the a 4-3 groundout to Abbi Covalt to Casey Fisher and a strikeout by Clark ended Dumas' at bat.

Pampa was also retired in order in the first.

Dumas scored in the second when the leadoff batter reached on a base on balls and scored before the side was retired on two stolen bases and a passed ball. Dumas led 1-0 going into the bottom of the second.

In Pampa's half of the second, Clark drew a leadoff walk. The next two batters were retired in order, then, Hollie Gattis drew a base on balls and Lindsey Ledbetter drive a pitch through the legs of the Dumas second baseman, apparently scoring Clark from second. However, a controversial call negated the run when Hollis Gattis was called out, advancing to second on the ground ball. Gattis was ruled out by the plate umpire for runner interference to end the inning with Dumas clinging to a 1-0 lead.

Dumas plated two runs in the top half of the third on a triple and a base on balls. A catch in right centerfield by outfielder April Amador helped minimize the damage. Dumas now led 3-0.

Jessica Leos drew a leadoff base on balls to start the bottom of the third for Pampa. Fisher grounded to the shortstop, who threw to second to force Leos for the first out of the inning. Fisher stole second and with two outs, Tess Kingcade hit a rocket at Dumas' first baseman, who was unable to handle the ball off her glove. Fisher scored

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from second to bring Pampa within two, 3-1.

In the fourth, Dumas was again retired in order on a pair of strikeouts and a 4-3 groundout.

Pampa's big inning came in the bottom of the fourth, trailing 3-1. Covalt got things going with a leadoff single — only Pampa's second hit of the contest.

A single by April Amador and a one-out base on balls to Haley Bowen loaded the bases for Pampa. Chelsey Davis reached safely on an error scoring Covalt from third. With the bases still loaded and Pampa trailing 3-2, Fisher crushed a two-run RBI double to the fence scoring Amador and Brown to give Pampa a 4-3 lead. It was a lead Pampa would never relinquish. Stacey Johnson, not be outdone, drove a ball to deep left centerfield for an RBI double, scoring Davis. Johnson stole third and scored on a passed ball before the final out of the inning.

Pampa owned a 7-3 lead going into the fifth.

Clark struck out the first two batters she faced in the fifth before surrendering a double. A high throw to third in an attempt to get the runner tipped off the glove of Pampa third baseman and went into the Pampa dugout allowing the runner to be awarded home.

That would be Dumas' final run of the contest as Clark would retire the side in order in the sixth and seventh innings.

Davis at third made an outstanding play on a hard-hit grounder, backhanding the ball and firing to first for an out in the sixth.

She also caught a pop fly for an out in the inning.

In Pampa's half of the fifth, with two outs, Erin Norris drew a walk and advanced to third on a Bowen double. Norris scored on a passed ball to bring the score to 8-4.

In the bottom of the sixth, Pampa's Johnson collected her second double to get Pampa in scoring position. With one out, Johnson took third when a dropped third strike forced the Dumas catcher to throw to first for the out on heads-up running by Kingcade.

Clark drove a ball to deep center scoring Johnson, who had tagged up at third awaiting the catch.

Pampa took their 9-4 lead into the field to start the top of the seventh. Two popouts to Covalt at second and a strikeout by Clark, her 13th of the night, ended any Dumas hope of a rally.

On the night, Clark struck out 13, issued four base on balls and allowed just two hits. Pampa committed just one error.

Pampa takes on Borger tonight at 8 in Dumas in the winner's bracket of the district tournament.

Borger received a first-round bye.

The district champion will advance to the West Texas State Championship in Graham, beginning July 17.

Pampa Senior All-Stars are April Amador, Haley Bowen, Stephanie Clark, Abbi Covalt, Chelsey Davis, Casey Fisher, Hollie Gattis, Stacey Johnson, Tess Kingcade, Lindsey Ledbetter, Jessica Leos, Erin Norris and Kelly Triplehorn.

Texas has A's number

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers struggled through the first half of the season, free-falling from first place to the basement of the AL West. They certainly have the Oakland Athletics' number, however.

Texas won its fourth straight over Oakland on Tuesday night, beating them 10-7 on Rafael Palmeiro's tiebreaking two-run homer in the sixth inning.

"We've been fortunate against them," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "When we give up seven, we score 10."

Besides Palmeiro's big hit, the Rangers got a strong relief performance from rookie Doug Davis. He could have been distracted by thoughts of his 5-week-old son, who underwent emergency stomach surgery 24 hours earlier.

But Davis gave the Rangers two scoreless innings and improved his record to 2-1.

Davis flew home to Oklahoma City to be with his son, Jordan, who had surgery on Monday night. The operation was successful, and when Davis was sure Jordan was out of danger and got the OK from his wife, Stacy, he rejoined the Rangers on Tuesday afternoon.

"All I could think about was my son, but maybe that helped," said Davis, who had three strikeouts and two walks. "My wife was understanding. I was pretty petrified when I found out he needed the surgery."

"It was hard to concentrate on the game. I just wanted to be a robot. I'm just glad I could help the team win."

Davis, recalled from Texas' Triple-A farm team in Oklahoma on Sunday, started the night with a major league ERA of 8.68 this season, but he had one of the best outings of his big league career.

"I told him I appreciated him being here," Oates said. "To do what he did under those circumstances, I applaud him. I don't know if I could have done what he did."

The A's have lost six of seven overall and 10 of their last 12 to the Rangers.

"We have got to find a way to shut their offense off," A's manager Art Howe said. "We started off good, battled back and never quit. I thought we would come back, but we didn't."

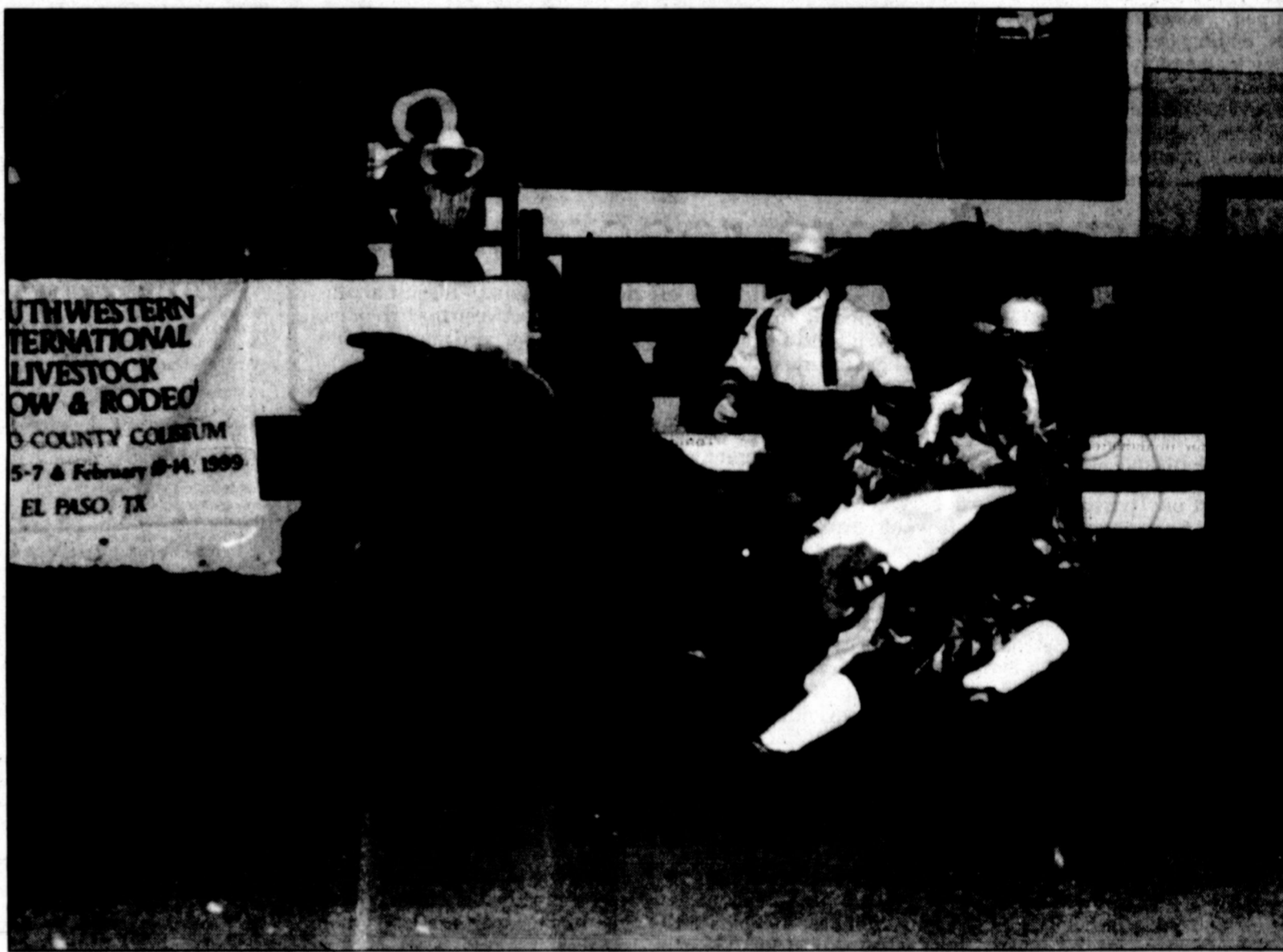
With the score 7-7, Rusty Greer drew a walk from Scott Service (1-1), and Palmeiro followed with his 22nd homer.

It was the 383rd home run of Palmeiro's career, moving him ahead of Jim Rice and Frank Howard into 38th place on the career list.

Dave Martinez singled home a run in the Texas eighth, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 21st save.

Ben Grieve gave the A's a 2-0 lead in the first with his 16th homer. The son of Rangers TV analyst Tom Grieve tied his father with 65 career homers.

Clowning around



(Special photo)

Bullfighting clown Clint Ferguson of Boyd is chased by an angry bull at a recent rodeo performance. Ferguson, a Pampa native, will be in town for the Top O' Texas Rodeo July 13-15 at Recreation Park. The rodeo begins at 7:30 nightly.

Paraplegic athlete's climb inspires others

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Strapped into a harness and using a handle-like device of his own design, Mark Wellman scrambled up a 25-foot artificial rock tower in less than a minute.

Kevin Patton didn't find it so easy.

"It's a lot harder than I thought it would be, much tougher than weight lifting," said the 35-year-old Patton, who is from Sacramento, Calif. "I can't imagine doing it on some of the climbs Mark does. I've seen Mark doing this at several different events, and I always wanted to try it. It definitely is a rush."

Wellman is trying to prove to others like him that the rush is still attainable.

A mountaineer since the age of 12, Wellman was paralyzed below the waist in a climbing accident in 1982.

The injury proved to be just a setback.

Since then the 40-year-old from Truckee, Calif., has turned his apparent disability into a lucrative career as a

motivational speaker, video producer, business owner and accomplished athlete.

Wellman's exhibition of climbing techniques for the disabled was part of a larger convention marking the opening ceremony of the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in San Antonio on Tuesday. More than 600 wheelchair athletes from around the country are expected to compete in 13

competitive events at various sites around the city through Saturday.

"One of the biggest joys I have is turning somebody on to something different," Wellman told the San Antonio Express-News.

"It's great fun to introduce people to something new that might challenge them in a new way."

The games begin

Wednesday at Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center with bowling, motorized wheelchair slalom, basketball, quad rugby, 9-ball billiards and an air guns event.

The event is cosponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. It is the 20th year of event and third time in San Antonio.

Hidden Hills to host Hospice scramble

PAMPA — The BSA Hospice Pampa golf scramble tees off on July 15 at the Hidden Hills public course. Proceeds will help provide quality hospice care to local patients and their families, regardless of their ability to pay.

BSA Hospice invites area golfers to enjoy a great day of golf while benefiting their community. A registration fee of \$40 per player includes green fee, cart, prizes, food and refreshments. Four-player teams will sign-in at 7 a.m. and tee off at 8 p.m. Teams will be flighted according to handicap by the Hidden Hills golf pro. Prizes

will be awarded for first, second and third place scores in each flight.

Special prizes will be planned for Longest Drive and Closest to the Hole.

Golfers should contact David Teichmann at Hidden Hills Golf Course (806-665-6677) or Gayle Allston, BSA Hospice in Amarillo (806-212-8787).

Through sponsorships, the BSA Hospice Scramble provides an excellent opportunity for local business and industry to contribute to the community. By sponsoring a hole for \$50 or a cart for \$25, participants will help provide quality hospice care in the local area and show-

case their company or service.

Those interested in becoming a sponsor should contact Janet McCracken, BSA Hospice in Pampa at 806-665-6677 or Gayle Allston, BSA Hospice in Amarillo at 806-212-8787.

BSA Hospice in Pampa is a not-for-profit agency committed to providing compassionate in-home care for the terminally ill. Serving six counties of the Northeast Texas Panhandle — Carson, Donley, Gray, Hutchison, Roberts and Wheeler — BSA Hospice also provides grief and bereavement counseling to family members and loved ones.

Planning session



Pam Millican, Nell Bailey, Jaimie Winborne, Carla Norris, Nancy Hahn and Shirlene Topper work on decorations for the Rodeo Queen's Luncheon. Tickets are available in the rodeo office in the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. See related story on Page 1.

Crude prices plunge on Saudis' planned output hike

Crude oil prices plummeted 7 percent Wednesday after Saudi Arabia signaled it may soon begin producing an additional half-million barrels a day to cut short a relentless rise in oil prices that could threaten world economic growth.

The frenzied selloff on the New York Mercantile Exchange came on the first trading day after Monday's announcement by the world's leading oil-producing nation, which caught even fellow OPEC members by surprise. The exchange was closed Tuesday in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

Soon after the opening bell, the near-term contract — crude for August delivery — was down \$2.25 to \$30.25 a barrel.

In a development that bodes well for motorists complaining of soaring gasoline prices, other energy products also were knocked sharply lower by crude's fall.

Prices of gasoline contracts dropped 7 percent and heating oil and natural gas contracts each dipped 4 percent, although such changes generally take a few weeks to affect the retail market.

The Saudis said in a statement Monday that they will provide higher production within a few days if prices don't quickly head lower toward their preferred price of about \$25 a barrel.

Other top oil producers were caught off guard by the unilateral decision because it came less than two weeks after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed on an increase of

708,000 barrels a day to try to force down prices, which have been spiraling upward for 18 months.

Prices had risen an additional 6 percent since then, and Saudi Arabia fears risking the wrath of the United States and other Western nations whose economies have been pinched by higher prices.

"Saudi Arabia obviously bent to U.S. pressure," said Phil Flynn, an energy analyst for Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago.

"I think they realized that if the market didn't get more oil, it was headed to \$40 a barrel ... and it would have risked harming world economies," Flynn said.

The new risk for the Saudis is fracturing OPEC's unity. Traders and analysts were watching closely to see if other producers, such as the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, would also raise production, which could force prices down further than the cartel wants.

Crude prices reached a nearly 10-year high of \$34.37 a barrel on March 7.

Analysts say U.S. gasoline prices, which have soared largely because of crude's ascent, could fall by a dime or more before Labor Day as a direct result of the Saudis' decision.

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Man thinks he married mother, ends up with daughter instead

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Joseph Pileggi thought he knew the woman he was marrying.

But the woman he wed three years ago apparently wasn't 83-year-old Ducle Palermo. It was her 61-year-old daughter, Carli Buchanan.

Pileggi, 69, says he was shocked when he came across the marriage license that had Buchanan signed as the bride and Palermo as a witness. He says he thought he married Palermo, with whom he'd lived since 1992.

"He truly is in a state of disbelief," said Russell Pry, Pileggi's attorney. "This is something he can't understand, particularly at this stage of his life. He still has a hard time believing what happened. He wants this over with yesterday."

But the daughter claims Pileggi knew he was marrying her and that they consummated the wedding the same day.

The matter is now in court. Pileggi is suing for an annulment from Buchanan and has filed a civil lawsuit against Palermo, claiming she committed fraud when she duped him at

the altar. The daughter has countersued for divorce, seeking temporary spousal support and a portion of his assets.

Palermo, meanwhile, has filed a lawsuit against Pileggi, seeking \$40,000 in cash because she claims he disposed of jewelry, clothing and cash belonging to her after he forced her from their home in May 1999 when the wedding mix-up came to light.

She is seeking half of Pileggi's home, claiming it was her reward from their "platonic relationship," according to court documents.

Pry said much of the confusion may be traced to Palermo's tendency to use her daughter's name. The case file also contains signed checks in which Palermo wrote that she is also known as Carli Buchanan.

"I'm not sure what names were used in the wedding ceremony. I'm not even sure Joe knows," Pry said.

Buchanan, who lives with her mother in Marina Del Ray, Calif., refused to be interviewed and ordered her attorney not to discuss the case.

Town pitching in to replace Amish family's slain mare

BEEVILLE, Texas (AP) — There were double takes on Washington Street when the Borntreger family copped by in their horse-drawn buggy. There were bemused glances when they peddled sweet corn, quilts and jellies on the courthouse square.

The Amish family turned quite a few heads when they settled in this south Texas town of 18,000, a community of ranchers between San Antonio and Corpus Christi.

"I thought it was strange, just like everybody else," said Danny Madrigal, a sheriff's inspector. "It's unusual, you know?"

But Beeville has offered Texas-sized comfort to the Borntregers following a stunning and disturbing tragedy: The family's two Haffinger carriage horses were attacked in May, riddled with bullets.

Four teen-aged boys told investigators they thought they were shooting at wild hogs when they killed Leroy Borntreger's mare and injured his stallion.

Maybe guilt lingers long in a town that prides itself on neighborly ways. Perhaps it's the suffering of the animals. Whatever the reason, Beeville wants to make amends by replacing the mare.

"We all just kind of looked at each other and said, 'We've got to do something,'" Pat Finch said. "It was just a senseless, terrible act."

After all, Finch points out, the animals meant just about everything to the Borntregers: Family pet, transportation, financial asset. Beeville's former cowboys certainly know how the importance of horses.

As manager of a corner shop, Wicker Basket, Finch usually oversees a quiet realm of candles, knickknacks and coffee klatches. Now the phone is jangling and Finch is jotting figures. The shop has become the epicenter of the cash drive.

The bill for the horse, including shipping from Tennessee, will run about \$4,100. The town has raised more than half the money.

Donations are mostly drummed up by word of mouth. Checks are mailed or dropped by the shop. A little boy chipped in \$20, a month's allowance, Finch said.

"It's shameful," gas station attendant Michelle Clark said quietly, color rising in her cheeks. "For those people to come make a life in our town and

then have that happen — it's just awful."

From the beginning, the town trod lightly. Before raising a penny, a liaison — Finch shied away from saying who — dropped by to clear the fund-raising plan with the Borntregers.

To see how gently the town is handling the reclusive family, just try to find them: Most everybody knows where the Borntregers make their home, but mum is the word. The media-shy family asked the sheriff's department to remove trespassing reporters.

"They are very, very private people," said Brenda Wooden, seated beneath Wicker Basket's revolving fans on a sweltering afternoon. "And we respect that."

The shootings did not stem from anti-Amish sentiment, sheriff's investigators concluded. The teen-agers, ages 15 to 17, were charged with criminal mischief for opening fire on the animals.

The teens told investigators they came across the horses while bumping along back roads in a pickup truck during a midnight hog hunting spree. Squinting into the darkness, they mistook the horses for wild pigs, the teens said. The horses, tied up to stakes at the edge of a corn field, were pelted with dozens of bullets from a rifle and a shotgun.

The stout brown mare, who was pregnant, was found dead on her side May 30. The stallion was pacing wildly, its legs dotted with bullet wounds. After days in a veterinary hospital, it is recovering.

The teens were put on probation until their 18th birthdays. They faced two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine, but Borntreger declined to press criminal charges.

"They're forgiving," Madrigal said. "If anything, they're a little worried about the boys."

Getting Beeville to forget could prove tougher. "Those kids are going to carry that cross for a long time," Madrigal said. "It's not that big a town — things get around."

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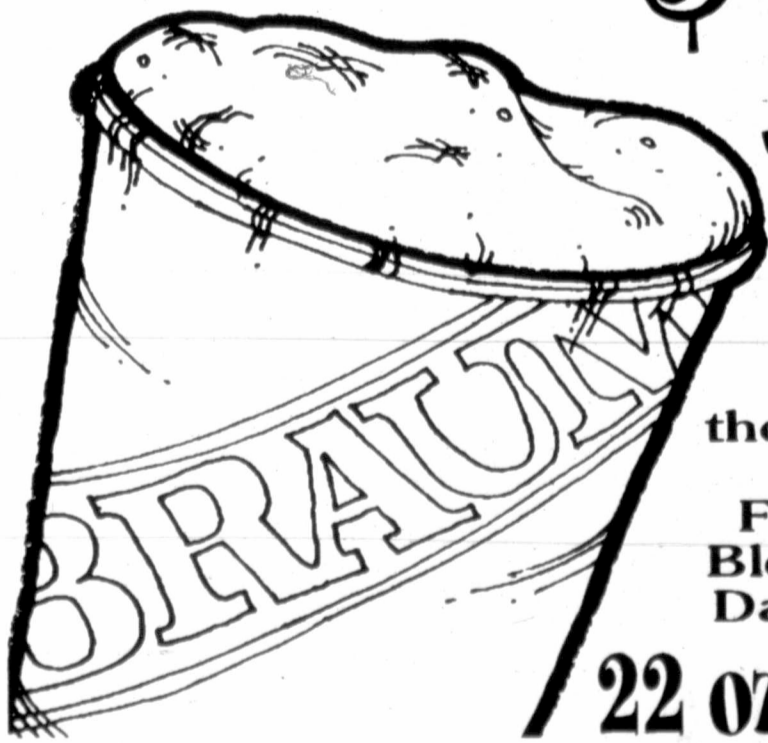
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Man shoots self while demonstrating gun dangers to date

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — A man demonstrating the dangers of guns for a woman on their first date accidentally shot himself in the leg.

"It was not some careless, idiotic, Fourth-of-July stupid thing that happened," Kim Barnes, 39, said from the hospital Tuesday.

Barnes and Susan MacDonald, 38, were drinking wine and eating barbecue Monday night when the subject of accidental shootings came up. MacDonald, a hospital technician, was telling her date about the gunshot victims she sees at work.

Barnes, a former Air Force fighter pilot who has been handling guns since he was a boy, decided to make a point about

accidental shootings. He brought out his 9 mm pistol and showed MacDonald how a bullet can be in the chamber even after a clip is detached.

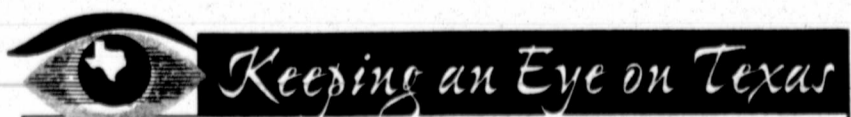
Barnes then tried to expel the bullet from the gun, but the mechanism did not work and the hammer went into firing position. He tried to engage a safety mechanism — but the gun fired.

"My finger was nowhere near the trigger," he said. "That is a

misfire." Barnes said he doesn't have any feeling in his left leg below the knee, but doctors at Swedish Medical Center hope the feeling will return when the swelling goes down.

"It was a horrible, terrible thing that happened," MacDonald said. But she wasn't scared away.

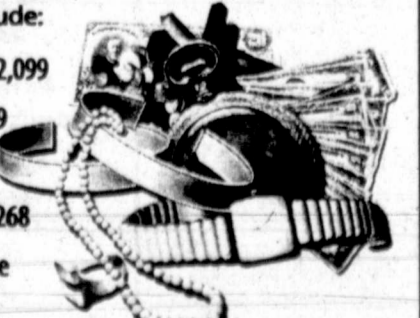
"I certainly hope I get a second date," she said. "He is a lovely man."



Forgotten Treasures to be Auctioned Live and in Cyberspace July 22

More than 112,000 items from abandoned safe deposit boxes will be auctioned to the public on Saturday, July 22 in San Antonio and via a real-time Internet simulcast at theauctionchannel.com. Texas is the first state to conduct an Internet simulcast of an unclaimed property auction. The items up for bid include:

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